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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – SEPTEMBER 2014 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in September 2013.

**Beef production**, at 2.07 billion pounds, was slightly below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, down 3 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 31 pounds from the previous year, at 1,344 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 7.2 million pounds, 16 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 42,300 head, down 33 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 57 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.83 million head, down 2 percent from September 2013. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.3 million pounds, was up 5 percent from September 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 191,900 head, 4 percent above last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2014 commercial red meat production** was 35.1 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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